



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Update #1 to the Emergency Preparedness Update for December 21, 2020

Long-Term Care Facilities Receive First COVID-19 Vaccines

([From press release](#)) Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that several long-term care facilities in the commonwealth began administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. On Monday, the Governor showed [images from the first long-term care residents](#) in Kentucky to get a shot of the coronavirus vaccine authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The Governor reviewed the Moderna vaccine which is being sent out this week:

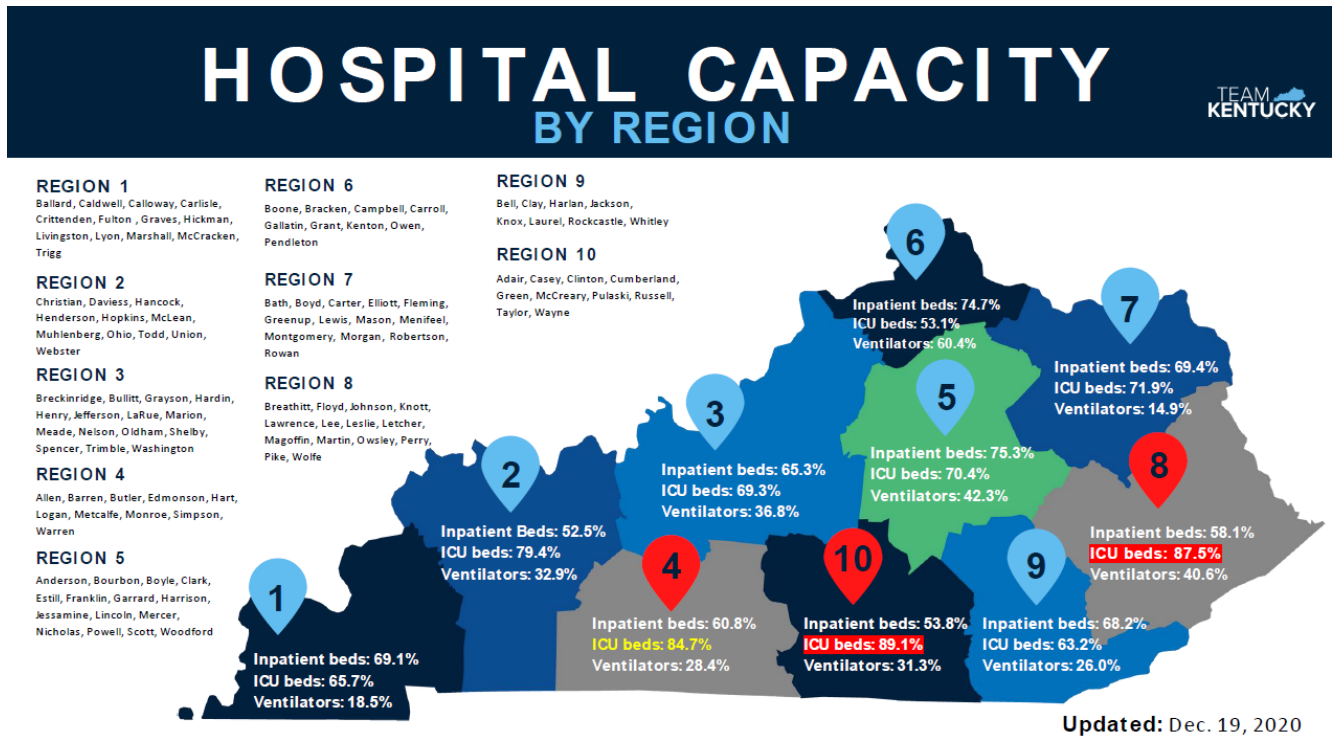
- TODAY - 10,800 doses went out to 16 local health departments
- TUESDAY – 45,200 doses will go to 71 hospitals; and 15,600 doses to 81 local health departments
- WEDNESDAY – 1,300 doses will go out to 7 hospitals; and 100 doses will go to 1 more health department.

Overall in December, here is what is expected at this point:

- Pfizer vaccines Dec 13-19 38,025
- Pfizer vaccines Dec 20-26 27,300
- Moderna vaccines Dec 20-26 76,700
- Moderna vaccines Dec 27-31 33,800

The Governor said [the Washington Post is reporting](#) a new death in the US every 33 seconds. And he noted they said that “In every state but Kentucky, more intensive care unit beds are in use than were in use three months ago.” He noted this as positive news.

There were 1,988 new cases reported today, with 1,580 hospitalized. There were 411 in the ICU and 21 on vents. Positivity is 8.64%. Full daily summary: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/COVID19DailyReport.pdf>



Watch Governor Beshear’s Press Conference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCQ_KAILzFw

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines Extracts from [December 21, 2020](#)

[National Organizations Call for Action to Implement Crisis Standards of Care During COVID-19 Surge](#)
(National Academy of Medicine) The crisis is now: governors, health departments, hospitals, and other health care sector partners must take immediate action to save lives and fairly allocate limited resources. Hospitals across most of the United States are experiencing alarmingly high surges in COVID-19 patients, and many

intensive care units across the country are already over capacity and many more will be so in the coming weeks. In response, hospitals are canceling admissions and non-emergency procedures, identifying ways to augment staff, transferring patients outside their local jurisdictions, and even establishing and operating alternate care sites. Many of the hardest-hit hospitals are those that serve Black, Brown, Asian, and tribal communities, threatening to exacerbate existing inequities in care quality and outcomes.

Wildfire Smoke, a Potential Infectious Agent (*Science*) Wildland fire is a source for bioaerosols that differ in composition and concentration from those found under background conditions, and most of these microbes in smoke are viable. However, the risk of infection to the upper and lower respiratory tract after exposure to wildfire smoke is frequently overlooked. Smoke-related immunologic deficits and inflammatory responses may exacerbate the effects of inhalation of airborne microbial particulates and toxicants in smoke. The intersection of these epidemiological trends and smoke microbial content has yet to be addressed in public health and atmospheric sciences, despite compelling overlaps of increasing mycoses rates and increasing wildfire smoke in some locations.

Congressional Leaders Reach Deal On \$900 Billion COVID-19 Relief Package (*NPR*) After months of partisan squabbling, congressional leaders have reached agreement on a nearly \$900 billion coronavirus relief package. Among its provisions, the package includes a new round of direct payments to qualifying Americans, worth up to \$600 per adult and child; a boost in weekly unemployment benefits; and funds for small-business aid and vaccine distribution.

Sharon Perkins will replace Dick Bartlett in the KHA HPP Lead Role

(KHA) As of the first of January, Sharon Perkins will be taking over as the lead here at the KY Hospital Association for Healthcare Preparedness Program activities. Dick Bartlett, who has been doing HPP work at KHA since 2004, will be retiring to work on some limited programs related to Kentucky Trauma Care System Coordination, KHA's EMS Patient Transport Task Force, and doing this Emergency Preparedness Update.



Sharon has worked as a Paramedic, an ambulance service Manager, and the Deputy Director for KY Emergency Manager. She joined the KHA HPP Program back when it was originally under HRSA. She is currently the Assistant Vice President of Administration and Preparedness, and is handling HR, Education, and our federally recognized PSO – which is doing a project for the ASPR Hospital COVID grant.

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InfraGard Los Angeles Presents: Cyber Threats to

Third Party Service Providers, Its Evolution and What We Can Do About It

January 13, 2021 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am PST / 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST

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